

the eastern shore can come over and help us now and then. If any other brethren can lend a hand in that way, please write me. As soon as the congregation in this city becomes entirely self-supporting I shall feel more free to go more frequently myself.

Since my last letter two more have been received by baptism. This time the baptism occurred at the bathing beach just west of the monument. One of the number, a young lady, preferred this to being baptized in the pool in the church, to which I gladly assented. Both were received by confirmation the same evening. The other candidate, quite a young man, was a brother of our Brother Garber, our worthy moderator and chorister.

Thus the good work goes on and our hearts beat with joy as precious souls yield obedience to the gospel. Others seem quite near the kingdom. Pray for us. We have much more we would gladly speak of but time does not permit, and that which we have written has been done hurriedly.

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## Among the Churches

### Falls City, Neb.

Our communion May 24 was a very pleasant occasion. Visiting members from Missouri and elsewhere were present. About eighty participated. Brethren Mackey, Yoder and others that meant to be with us from Kansas were hindered by heavy rains. We regretted their absence very much. This meeting proved the presence of a very harmonious spirit among the members. I do not remember back to the time when a better feeling existed among our membership. For this we thank God devoutly, and also our beloved pastor, who is a natural peacemaker. On Sunday we enjoyed one of our splendid all-day meetings. The attendance was large, and the feast, social and spiritual, was enjoyed by all. Rev. Ditch preached an inspiring sermon in the forenoon on the new commandment "Love one another." He urged the building up of the church more than the enlarging of the church roll. Making professors more spiritual and Christ-like, and not devoting all our time to simply getting people into church. The sermon was followed by a picnic dinner. Some of the laymen took part in the afternoon meeting. Brother E. R. Mathers was present and led the music, a work in which few excel him. The pastor preached again in the evening to a good audience. The offering during the day amounted to over one hundred dollars. One lady was lately added to our number by baptism.

I was glad to have Brother Bauman tell us of the liberality of our wide awake church in Philadelphia. Such good examples should cause us to do better than we ever have done. I also know of a church that is doing quite well. A recent report of the treasurer showed, that while in the last six months they had used for all purposes at home less than four hundred dollars, in that same time they had sent abroad to aid the different institutions of the church, nearly six hundred dollars. They also increased their pastor's salary one hundred dollars a year.

I notice the editor inquires how I am getting along with my effort to bring a car load to conference. I cannot report progress. Be it a car load, more or less, this district will break the record this year. Quite a few have signified a desire to go, and I apprehend more will be added to the number

later. The most discouraging feature about it all is, the powerful silence of my relatives in Iowa and Illinois. I said that most likely we would pass thru Milledgeville, Lanark or Waterloo, so as to stop off and visit friends. But up to date I have not received one solitary letter, asking me to bring my very select crowd to their town. The Chicago Brethren have very kindly asked us to tarry with them. So what is their great loss will likely be Chicago's gain. The Conference spirit is in the air. No doubt the Lord will grant us a blessed time.

SAMUEL LIGHTY.

### Quaker City Notes

On last Sabbath we baptized a brother sixty-six years of age, his wife also uniting by relation, having been a member of the German Baptists. The hand of fellowship was also extended to the husband and wife to whom we referred in our last letter as being applicants for baptism. We believe in these, we have four more worthy members, and we trust they will prove faithful unto the crown.

We are very busy these days sowing the seed. Outside our regular Sunday services, we have our regular Monday evening Bible class, meeting in the various homes; the Wednesday evening prayer meeting; preaching service at Lansdale every Thursday evening; one evening each month given to a down town gospel mission; a Tuesday or a Friday every now and then finds us in charge at Brother Bowman's down town mission; these with other special meetings, funeral services, etc., etc., scarcely leaves us any evening save Saturday to spend with wife and baby.

We much enjoy this work, hard as it is and as busy as it keeps us, but we often feel that we are not in our proper sphere of work. It is quite likely that wife and I will take the evangelistic field one of these days as our entire work. We will have some very important news to write one of these days, if all is well, upon the subject of a mission field. May God quicken the church by His Spirit.

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### Spiritual Gleanings

Our communion is past and while the weather was very rainy and bad yet there were thirty eight communicants and it was a nice little feast. There were but few present except the members. Brother Fisher and wife and Brother Manse and wife were with us and we were glad to have them. It always adds much to the interest of the meetings to have others come and be with us. We are also thankful that by a little effort of the members and pastor and a little personal work we are able to report nine accessions to the church all by confession and baptism at 2 o'clock same day of communion. One little sister made her confession over a year ago, two at our meeting this winter, the other six at the water, all young ladies and praise the Lord, one of them was our own youngest daughter. It is a joy to see them come to Christ in their young years. May the God of love help them all to live faithful.

I go to Sidney tomorrow to be with them two evenings and preach, and from there to College Corners over Sunday. May have something to say about those places next week. May God's richest blessing rest upon his work and people everywhere is the prayer of your brother in hope.

LATER.

On last Thursday afternoon we went to Sidney, preached Thursday eve, baptized five who had formerly made their confession, had confirmation service, preached in the evening, and Saturday went to College Corner, baptized two there, one had formerly confessed Christ, the other made the good confession at the water. And a nice communion in the evening, Sunday-school Sunday morning

9:30, preaching at 10:30, Sunday-school convention at 1:30 p. m. and preaching in the evening at 8, a busy day. The church at Sidney is moving along very nicely and seems to be in good hopes of a bright future. At College Corners all are bright and cheerful. We have a good Sunday-school and S. S. C. E., but we yet need a weekly prayer meeting and Young Peoples' Society and then I think we would be equipped to do an efficient work for the Master. The church is getting on a good financial basis, meeting their obligations all right and I think with earnest work there is a bright future for them. We have been unanimously called to serve them as pastor next conference year and we pray if it be the Lord's will to spare us that it may be our banner year with them. Pray for us.

D. A. HOPKINS.

### The Fourth Quarterly Missionary Conference of Pennsylvania

Held at Martinsburg, Pa., Wednesday and Thursday May 14 and 15, 1902.

Among those present were J. C. Cassel, Philadelphia, E. H. Smith, State Evangelist, W. L. Spanogle, Altoona, Pa., R. Z. Replogle, Johnstown, Pa., J. L. Bowman, Vinco, Pa., and J. R. Keller, the resident pastor. The following officers were elected: Chairman, J. R. Keller, Secretary, Clare Kyler, Treasurer, J. C. Cassel.

The aim and purpose of these conferences was set forth in the address of welcome which is here given and is as follows:

Visiting members of this Conference:—I have been charged with the pleasant and agreeable duty of extending to you a cordial welcome to our little village. We feel greatly pleased that you have come here to hold your conference which, I trust, may be a source of pleasure and profit to all who attend. We shall endeavor to show our appreciation of your visit by throwing open our doors and kindly inviting you to partake of our hospitalities.

Our beloved martyred President, Wm. McKinley, opened his last memorable address with these words, "Expositions are the time keepers of Progress." Permit me to express the same thought regarding Conventions, when I say that church conventions and conferences are the time keepers of the progress of the church.

They infuse it with new life and vigor and stimulate its members to greater zeal and activity in their efforts to promote its welfare. They bring us into closer touch with one another as members of the same precious faith, thereby strengthening our social and religious ties and by making us a united body, increase our power for service.

Conventions have a tendency to educate. They bring together the talent from various parts of the State and in the exchange of ideas and the discussion of Biblical topics every one is benefited in an educational sense. Then too, they are a means of awakening and arousing the missionary spirit, in the church, in which every true child of God is, or ought to be, interested.

We trust that this convention may be a success in every sense of the word. Again in the name of the members of the Brethren church, I extend to you a most sincere welcome to Martinsburg.

Our hopes and expectations regarding the convention were fully realized and we feel that it indeed was a success.

During the Tuesday morning session Brother Cassel gave an interesting and helpful talk on Rules of Biblical Exegesis. He especially emphasized the rule that no man should spiritualize a single sentence of the Word of God unless the literal is impossible.

On Wednesday afternoon the question of "How to Create a Greater Interest in Extending the Borders of Zion, and Supporting Missions, Publishing House and College?" was discussed. We were shown that the lack of means is a detriment to extending the borders of Zion, etc. Open up our